THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.9926 OF 2006

Date: 23.05.2006

Between:

Nagisetti Venkateswhwarlu

…. Petitioner

And

The District Collector, Guntur District and 2 others

….Respondents

ORDER:

The petitioner claims to be a resident and voter of Karampudipadu village of Vatticherukuru Mandal, Guntur District. He states that in the voters' list of the village, which was updated on 25.02.2006, as many as 55 persons were included, who are already voters in different villages. He claims to have made a representation to the second respondent to take necessary steps to delete the names of such voters, who have already figured as voters in other Gram Panchayats.
His grievance is that no action has been taken thereof.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

The Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 provides for preparation, modification and updating of voters' list from time to time duly following the procedure stipulated

under the Representation of Peoples Act, 1950. In case the names of any voters find place in more Gram Panchayats than one, they are to be given option to remain as voters in any one of the Gram Panchayats and not both. The petitioner claims to have submitted a representation on 17.04.2006 with a prayer to delete the names of the voters, who have already figured as voters in other Gram Panchayats.

The question as to whether the facts stated by the petitioner in his affidavit are true and whether any names need to be deleted is a matter, which must be considered by the second respondent. However, once such glaring aspects are brought to his notice, the second respondent cannot remain silent.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to take appropriate steps in accordance with law in the light of the representation dated 17.04.2006 submitted by the petitioner within a period of four (4) weeks from today.

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JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

Date: 23.05.2006

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